

Abstract of the Invention

[0035] The present invention provides a method and apparatus for making a laminate. The method including providing a work material such as a hide, and a backing material and moving one of the work material and the backing material into engagement with one another and adhesively bonding the backing material to the work material thereby forming a laminate. The apparatus includes a first support surface for carrying a work material, a second support surface positioned adjacent the first support surface, and means for transferring the work material between the first and second support surfaces. A roll of backing material is rotatably and operably positioned relative to the first and second support surfaces so that during movement of the work material between the first and second support surfaces the backing material can be fed from the roll into engagement with a surface defined by the work material to form a laminate.